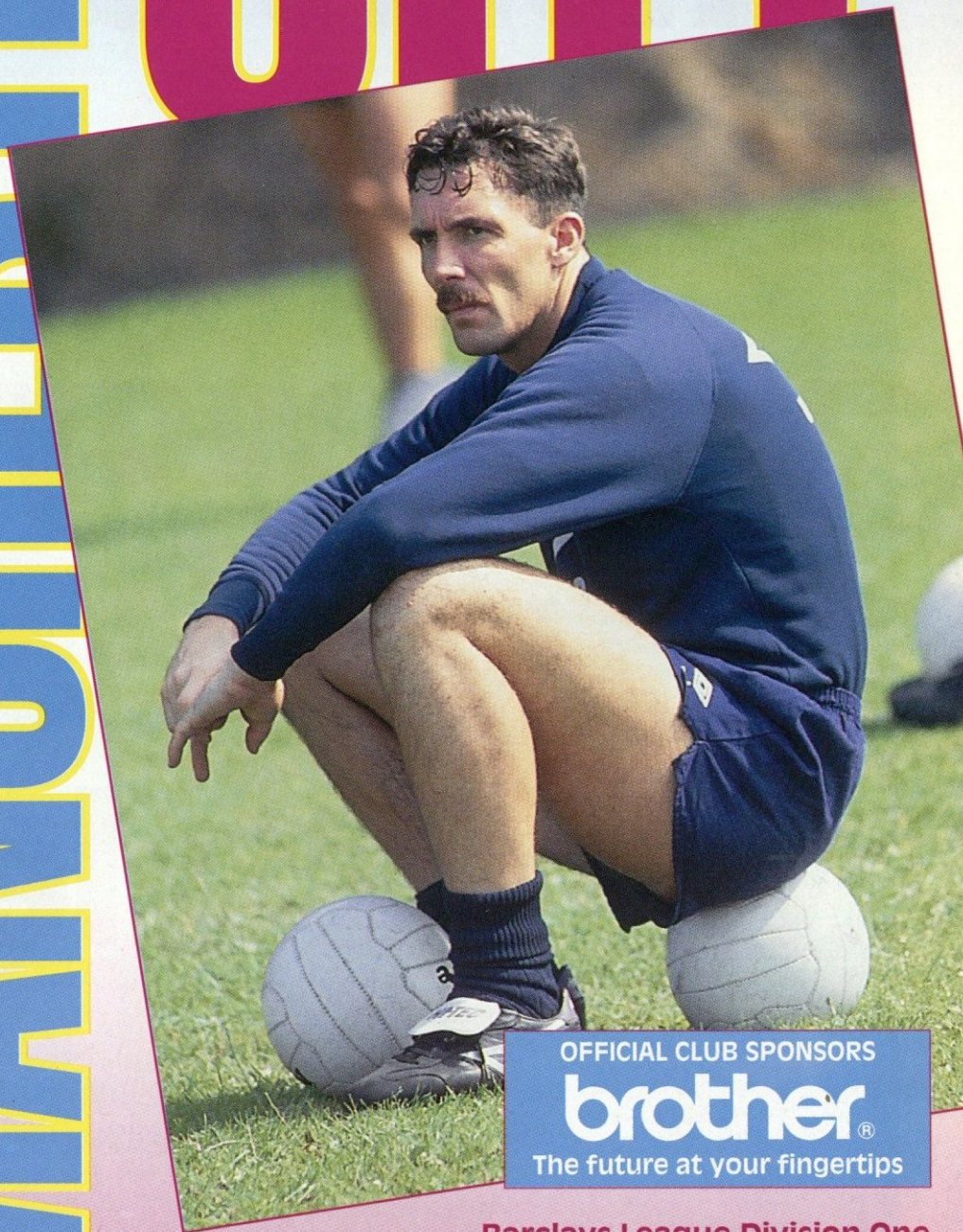


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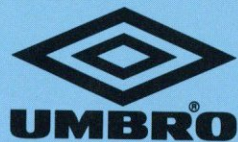
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## PETER REID

WE got what we deserved at Bramall Lane last week. Absolutely nothing. It was only our second defeat in 17 league games but the manner of it was very disappointing.

Sheffield United's strengths are well known and maybe we were a bit unfortunate to catch them when they were on a good run. But that's no excuse.

We knew what to expect after conceding two goals against United from set pieces at Maine Road back in October.

I have lost count of the number of goals we have conceded this season from set-piece situations and we cannot expect to call ourselves a top side if we keep making the same mistakes. Our team were left in no doubt what I thought about their performance at Bramall Lane.

I think it is criminal to score two goals away from home and have nothing to show for it. And it is not something I am prepared to stand for.

Having said all that, we still had the chances to come away with a point. Andy Hill's goal, right at the start of the second half, put us right back in the hunt at 3-2 and but for some brilliant goalkeeping we would have levelled it.

But we were killed off by a late goal and, frankly, have only ourselves to blame for losing.

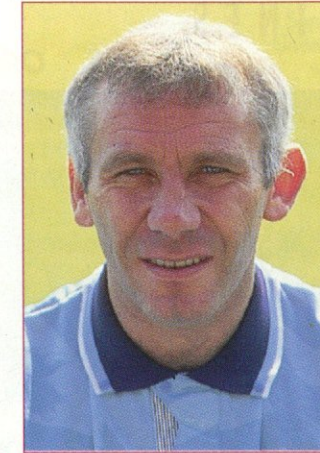
So it's been a case of working even harder this week to make sure we iron out the faults and get back to winning ways against Luton this afternoon.

I did warn after the Spurs game two weeks ago that the three matches we had coming up, against Sheffield United, Luton and Wimbledon, would be as tough as anything we had faced all season.

The quality teams may be at the top but those at the bottom end are even more desperate than usual to avoid the drop because they want to get into the Premier League, if it goes ahead next season.

There are no easy games in the First Division these days but these are matches we have to win if we are to be taken seriously as contenders for a place in Europe.

**This is arguably our toughest month of the season and the defeat at Bramall Lane was a bitter pill because it followed a really top-class performance against Spurs.**



Steve McMahon had an outstanding match and showed just why I was so keen to sign him from Liverpool. I was also very pleased with the youngsters, Mike Sheron and Michael Hughes, and there was another brilliant strike from David White.

David has been put on stand-by for the England squad for the prestigious friendly games against France next week and it is a little disappointing he is not in from the start.

I can't think of another striker in the First Division who is in better scoring form. Going into the game at Bramall Lane last week, David had scored nine goals in a run of 11 matches.

He has one great asset which all defenders dread and that is genuine pace. What he can do for City he can do for England.

Graham Taylor has never been afraid to try out new players, as he showed when he brought Lee Sharpe into his team last season.

We were all hoping David would get a call-up against France but even if he doesn't get the nod this time, I am sure he will get a chance before the England manager finalises his squad for Sweden.

Naturally, we're all delighted Keith Curle and Tony Coton are in the squad and hope opportunity knocks for them.

Similarly, young Michael Hughes has earned his call-up by Northern Ireland with the consistency of his performances. He will be an even better player when he learns when to release the ball.

Big Niall is probably the first name Jack Charlton writes down when he picks

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his Republic of Ireland squad and although we managed a couple of important wins while Niall was suspended, it goes without saying that I would rather have him in the side.

There was some newspaper talk recently about one of the big Italian clubs coming in with a £1m offer for Niall. Absolute rubbish. And even if it was true and they offered five times that amount, they wouldn't get him.

As far as I'm concerned, the big fella is priceless. I am trying to build a side capable of competing realistically for the game's major honours. I wouldn't get far if I started selling my best players.

**Now let's put that Sheffield United defeat behind us and get another run started. It won't be easy because Luton have just got off the bottom of the table by beating Norwich and that will have given them a 'lift'.**

We went down to Kenilworth Road in November after a couple of great away performances and some people expected us to win comfortably. It never works out like that.

I had to sit out the game after being injured in the Manchester derby and we had to settle for a 2-2 draw after giving away a sloppy goal early on.

Mick Harford knocked in one of Luton's goals and I see he scored against Norwich last week. He's always a handful.

Stevie Redmond was unfortunate to get a red card in the game at Luton, for two bookable offences, and I thought the ref had given them a penalty for a tackle that was clearly outside the box.

I would like to pay tribute to the great support we had at Sheffield; it was much appreciated by the players and myself.

## CITY SIDELINES

### BLANK WEEK HELPS

The only 35-match ever-present record in the club this season was preserved thanks to a fortnight's gap in the fixtures last month.

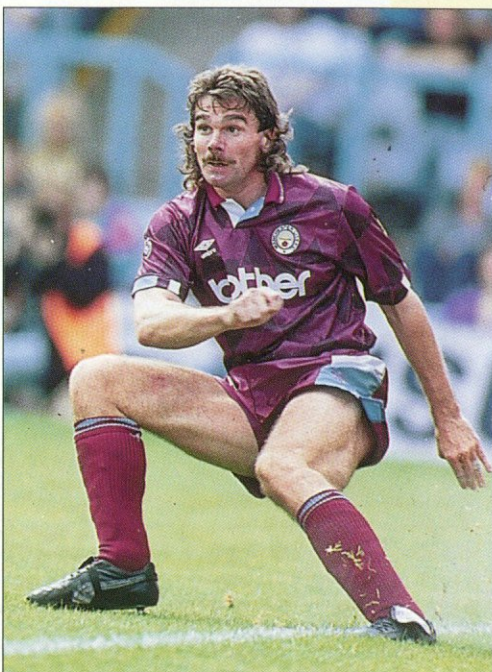
Neil Pointon took up his usual place at left back against Tottenham on 1st February but doubted they would have been fit if City had been involved in the fourth round of the FA Cup a week earlier.

The injury problem cropped up in the January home game with Coventry, although he still had time to win the vote for the sponsor's man of the match award before having to come off for the last 12 minutes.

"That was probably the right thing to do," he said. "With the next week-end free, I was able to have a complete rest while I was with the lads in Ireland."

"I thought at first that I'd got a groin injury, but apparently, it was something to do with the hernia operation I had last summer. It seems I had a little tear in the scar tissue."

Neil's consistency was recognised at the Portland Hotel recently when he received his award as the Manchester Evening



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NEIL POINTON

maximum in a First Division campaign. Last season was his best until he was out through suspension in March.

Hopefully he'll be able to keep an even longer run going this time, but as he says: "If you're suspended, there's not much you can do about it. Otherwise, you need a bit of luck to keep clear of injuries. Fortunately, I'm usually a quick healer."

### CONCERT TICKET NEWS

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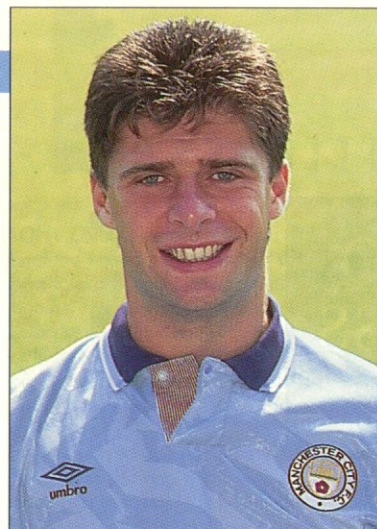
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### HUGHES IS HOPING

Michael Hughes is hoping for a second full cap next Wednesday when Northern Ireland meet one of their old British Championship rivals for the first time in nearly five years.

The Irish have not played any of the Home nations since they lost to England in a European Championship qualifying competition in April 1987.

Hughes' emergence as a first-team player with City this season has captured the attention of the media in Ulster, and not least one of his old friends who is now a reporter for the Belfast Telegraph!

"He's put a few bits in his paper and I've done a couple of interviews with other people," says Michael. "But I only get to see what's written if I go home. My mom keeps the articles in a wee scrapbook."

City's recent visit to Ireland was particularly enjoyable for the Blues' winger. His parents watched the matches in Portadown and Derry, and some of his old schoolmates also made the two-hour trip to Derry.

"It was nice to see lads I played with at the start of my career," he said. "The crowds over there were brilliant, but what amazed me was the number of City fans who watched the games. I didn't think we had that many in Northern Ireland. There was must have been a thousand in the stand at Portadown."

When the City party returned to Manchester, Michael was given permission to spend the week-end with his family. Mike Quigley stayed with him, but a pleasant break went wrong when they were due to fly back.

Manchester Airport was fogbound and

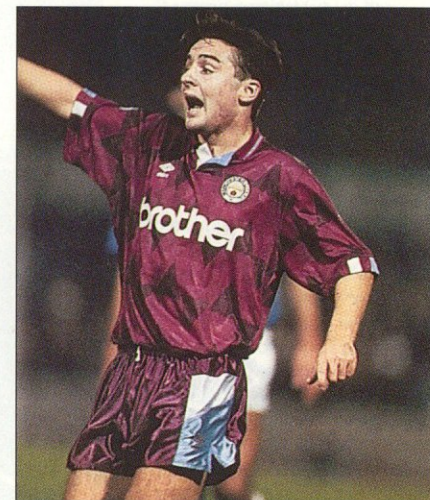
### EARLY KICK-OFF FOR CITY v LEEDS

Supporters should note that the City versus Leeds United fixture at Maine Road on Saturday 4th April will kick-off at the earlier time of 2.00 p.m., following consultation with the Police.

This is because of a major religious event taking place later on during the day, which will involve considerable Police manpower, in alleviating the traffic congestion anticipated with the original kick-off time.

they had to wait all day before catching a later aircraft. Even then, they were diverted to Liverpool.

Incidentally, it was the first time Michael had played in Northern Ireland for a couple of years. The last occasion was a 'B' international against Israel in Coleraine where the match was abandoned when the floodlights went out with three minutes to go!



### QUINN FITTER NOW

Niall Quinn believes that his enforced break through suspension could have been a blessing in disguise after a troublesome spell with injuries.

"I've got what I think is a better fitness than I had before Christmas," he says. "In some ways the break has done me good in helping my ankle to get better."

"I did it quite badly against Southampton down at The Dell and I never really recovered. Every time I played, it would swell up and there were certain times when I was hoping the ball wouldn't come to my left foot."

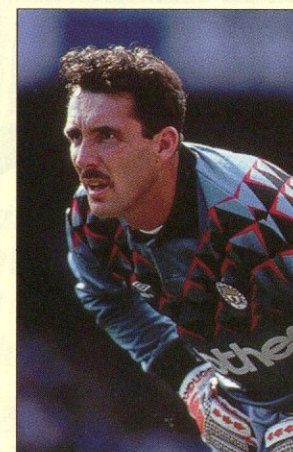
"I was wary of it, but now it's strengthening up. In training I have been able to strike the ball really hard with it, and that's good for my confidence. I've had a couple of games now, one in the Reserves and another with the first team last week, and I'm looking forward to a good game today."

"It's been a stuttery sort of season for myself. I have never really got going, so it would be nice to come in now with a good finish. We have always finished strongly in my time here and if we can do that again, we will be in a handy position."

"Last Saturday's game was a real sickener because other results went our way and we could have been smack in the middle of things at the top. Now we've got to go on another run ourselves and hope that the others drop points again."

After missing the last two games with the Republic of Ireland, Niall should be back on international duty in Dublin next Wednesday.

He says: "Obviously things went a bit flat when we didn't qualify for the European Championship, but we are preparing for the World Cup now and that gets going next week, even though it's only a friendly with Wales."



### ENGLAND CALLING

Graham Taylor's latest England selection brought recognition for three of the players who have kept City among the First Division front-runners this season.

For Tony Coton and Keith Curle, it's a continuation of their progress in various squads over the last year, but for David White, it's a new incentive to build on in what could become his best scoring season.

The 24-year-old forward was named among four players on stand-by to cover for injuries in a party of 30, from which Mr Taylor will choose his teams for 'B' and full internationals with France next week.

White was last involved in the England set-up in October 1989 when he won his sixth Under-21 cap in Poland, a fortnight before his 22nd birthday.

The incentive of European Championship places has been put before the 34 players named next week. Mr Taylor confirmed that he would select his squad for Sweden from this group plus five others who are injured at the moment.

Of the City contenders, Coton (left) probably has the clearest idea of what he has to do. Chris Woods and David Seaman are his rivals in the main party and Nigel Martyn is on stand-by.

### TOP HATTERS

The visitors' section in today's programme was completed before news came through of an international call-up for two of Luton Town's most promising players.

Congratulations to Darren Salton, 20 next month, and Paul Telfer, a first-team regular at 20, on their selection for the Scotland Under-21 side to meet Denmark in Edinburgh next week.

The Hatters' manager, David Pleat, is excited by the potential of many youngsters at Kenilworth Road and he recommended Salton and Telfer to Scotland manager Andy Roxburgh back in November.

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## OPPOSITE VIEW

# MICK HARFORD

TONY Coton's inclusion in the England squad for next week's prestigious friendly internationals against France came as no surprise to Luton striker Mick Harford.

In fact, he rates his old mate so highly he believes Tony should be Graham Taylor's first-choice goalkeeper.

"I've played against Chris Woods and David Seaman and with no disrespect to them, I think Tony is the best 'keeper in the country", says Mick.

There could be a suggestion of bias, of course, because Tony and Mick have been good pals since their days at Birmingham.

That was in the early eighties, before Mick spent five and a half seasons at Luton the first time round and collected a Littlewoods Cup winners' medal when they beat Arsenal 3-2 at Wembley.

But Mick is adamant. "I rate him. Tony had a bit of a sticky patch when he first joined City and it took him time to win over the crowd. Now they accept he is the best.

"Mind you, I put a hat-trick past him once, for Luton against Watford. You can mention that".

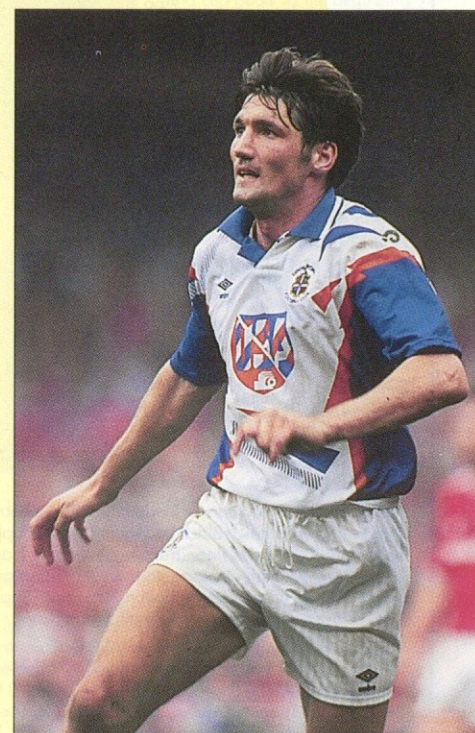
Mick, 33 this week, also rates City striker Niall Quinn, two inches taller than the Luton No 9, at 6ft 4ins. "He's a such a big handful and is always a threat".

Sunderland-born Mick, who has won two full England caps himself, was wearing a Derby County shirt on his last visit to Maine Road. That was last season when he scored an 89th minute consolation goal in a 2-1 defeat.

"I'm not likely to forget that game because Tony was sent off for bringing down Dean Saunders and Niall Quinn went in goal and saved the penalty".

Derby were on their way down to the Second Division and that was where Mick began the current season, until his mid-September move back to one of his old clubs, Luton.

David Pleat had rejoined Luton as manager in the summer and he paid Derby



embroiled in a relegation battle for the second successive season.

Last Saturday's 2-0 home win over Norwich was Luton's first victory in six games and lifted them off the bottom. Mick scored one of the goals.

"We are not a bad footballing side but we have a habit of giving away goals in the last few minutes. I reckon we must have been in front eight or nine times in the last dozen matches. We just don't seem able to hold on to the lead.

"We desperately needed that win against Norwich and maybe it will give us just the boost we need for the game at Maine Road.

"I scored against City in the home game in November. We were having a terrible run at the time and had not won in eleven games. Tony Coton wasn't in goal that day and I got one of our goals in a 2-2 draw.

"We did put a good run together around Christmas, with three wins and a draw, but we had lost three in a row before we beat Norwich".

The chance to rejoin Luton came out of the blue for Mick. He had been at Derby less than two years.

"But I still had my house and a lot of friends in the Luton area and it was a chance to stay in the First Division. To be fair to Arthur Cox, the Derby manager, he didn't stand in my way at all and it was all very amicable.

"The plastic pitch has gone at Luton now but it is still very firm with a lot of bounce. Naturally, David Pleat has made a number of changes in personnel since he came back and everyone knows his teams try to play football.

"I think he has bought well, with a good blend of youth and experience. We are not scoring enough goals and I'm not complaining about a poor service into the box.

"Maybe we try too hard to score the 'perfect' goal. At the moment our priority is to get a few more results like last week's".

£325,000 for the former Kenilworth Road favourite.

Mick enjoyed the perfect homecoming. Luton beat Oldham 2-1 thanks to the big man's two late goals.

Ironically, he was almost as popular on the final day of last season when the only 'own goal' of his career helped to give Luton the win that saved them from the drop.

Mick's own "great escape" was his move back to Luton although he has found himself

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RICHARD BOTT (SUNDAY EXPRESS)

# LUTON TOWN

## VISITORS

Memories of a dramatic afternoon at Maine Road were jogged with a recent news item that Raddy Antic had parted company with Real Madrid despite taking them to the top of the Spanish League.

City fans won't need reminding that Antic, a Yugoslav midfielder, was the man whose late goal in May 1983 put the Blues down and kept the Hatters in the First Division in their first year after winning promotion.

Luton have stayed at the top level for 10 consecutive seasons - a period in which they won the Littlewoods Cup on one of three visits to Wembley.

Whether they can make it 11 seasons in a row may well depend on another spring-time escape act. For the last two years, they survived only on the last week-end, curiously by beating Derby County on each occasion.

Former England striker **MICK HARFORD** was in the Derby side which went into Division Two last May. But it was a temporary demotion because a £325,000 transfer in September took him back to Luton, with whom he won his two full caps in 1988.

Harford, 33 this week, made an immediate impact with two goals on his debut against Oldham, but Luton then went out of two cup competitions and dropped to the bottom of the table in 14 games without a win.

Their position improved considerably with a nine-point maximum from home games at Christmas against Coventry, Arsenal and Chelsea. They were set for a fourth win on the trot until Nottingham Forest defender Des Walker scored his first senior goal on New Year's Day.

This was only one disappointment in search of an elusive first away victory of the season. Starting with Walker's last-gasp equaliser at the

## APPEARANCE RECORDS FOR 1991-92

	League App	Cup App	Total Goals	Birthdate	Birthplace
JAMIE CAMPBELL	1(4)	-(2)	-	21.10.72	Birmingham
ALEC CHAMBERLAIN	17	4	-	20.6.64	March
JOHN DREYER	27	2	2	11.6.63	Alnwick
PHILIP GRAY	9(2)	2	6	2.10.68	Belfast
MICK HARFORD	16	2	8	12.2.59	Sunderland
RICHARD HARVEY	18(1)	2	2	17.4.69	Letchworth
CERI HUGHES	4(3)	1	-	26.2.71	Pontypridd
JULIAN JAMES	13	2	-	22.3.70	Tring
CHRIS KAMARA	13	1	-	25.12.57	Middlesbrough
DES LINTON	2(1)	-	-	5.9.71	Birmingham
DARRON McDONOUGH	9	-	-	7.11.62	Antwerp
KURT NOGAN	6(8)	1(2)	2	9.9.70	Cardiff
SCOTT OAKES	8(5)	1	1	5.8.72	Leicester
TREVOR PEAKE	23	2	-	10.2.57	Nuneaton
MARK PEMBRIDGE	27	4	1	29.11.70	Merthyr
DAVID PREECE	19(4)	3	2	28.5.63	Bridgnorth
GRAHAM RODGER	11(1)	2	-	1.4.67	Glasgow
BRIAN STEIN	20(4)	2(1)	-	19.10.57	Capetown
STEVE SUTTON	10	-	-	16.4.61	Hartington
PAUL TELFER	16(3)	4	2	21.10.71	Edinburgh

ALSO PLAYED: Tim Allpress 1 app (Cup); Dave Beaumont (to Hibernian) 6(2) apps (Lge), 2 apps (Cup); Kingsley Black (to Nottm Forest) 4 apps (Lge); Sean Farrell (to Fulham) 3(1) apps (Lge); Lee Glover (loan from Nottm Forest) 1 app (Lge); Paul Holsgrove (released) 1 app (Lge); Matthew Jackson (to Everton) 7(2) apps (Lge), 2 apps (Cup); Jason Rees 1 app (Lge), -1(1) app (Cup); Darren Salton 1(1) apps (Cup); Steve Thompson (to Leicester) 5 apps (Lge), 2 apps (Cup); Martin Williams 1 app (Cup).

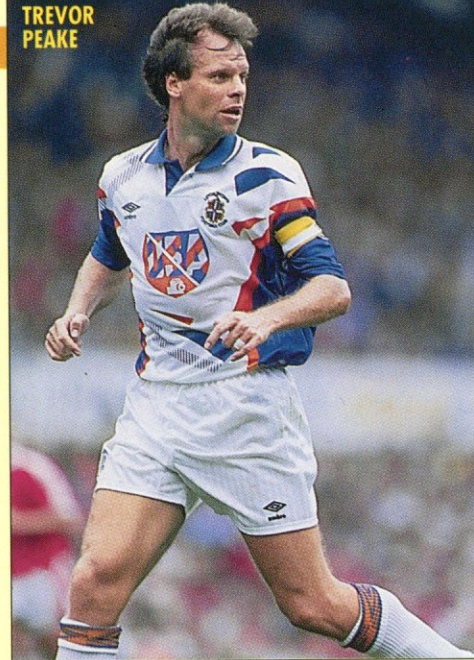
RESULTS: Barclays League: W.Ham (A) 0-0, Coventry (A) 0-5, Liverpool (H) 0-0, Arsenal (A) 0-2, Chelsea (A) 1-4, Southampton (H) 2-1, Wimbledon (A) 0-3, Oldham (H) 2-1, QPR (H) 0-1, Man. U. (A) 0-5, Notts Co. (H) 1-1, A.Villa (A) 0-4, Sheff. W. (H) 2-2, Norwich (A) 0-1, Everton (H) 0-1, Spurs (A) 1-4, Man. C. (H) 2-2, Sheff. U. (A) 1-1, Leeds (H) 0-2, Coventry (H) 1-0, Arsenal (H) 1-0, Chelsea (H) 2-0, Nottm F. (A) 1-1, Liverpool (A) 1-2, W.Ham (H) 0-1, Sheff. W. (A) 2-3, Norwich (H) 2-0. Rumbelows Cup: Birmingham (H) 2-2, (A) 2-3. Zenith Data Systems Cup: Ipswich (A) 1-1 (Lost on pens). FA Cup: Sheffield U. (A) 0-4.

(Up to and including Saturday 8th February)

Back Row: Julian James, Sean Farrell, David Beaumont, Graham Rodger, Alec Chamberlain, Darron McDonough, Marvin Johnson, John Dreyer, Richard Harvey.  
Front Row: Kurt Nogan, Ceri Hughes, Jason Rees, David Preece, Mark Pembridge, Kingsley Black (now Nottingham Forest).



TREVOR PEAKE



City Ground, eight points cruelly disappeared in the space of 17 minutes' action at the end of three away games. They were also in front at Liverpool until conceding decisive goals in the 85th and 89th minutes. Much the same happened at Sheffield Wednesday where a 2-1 lead evaporated in the last 11 minutes.

Consequently, the Hatters have the least productive away form in the division - three draws, 10 defeats and 35 goals against. It's almost a year (18 games in all) since their last win, at Aston Villa on 9th March 1991.

In many cases, this record represented a poor reward for the quality of their football, but manager David Pleat believes the club have the makings of an exciting new era. "That is providing nobody pushes the button and we have to sell again," he said in The Daily Telegraph.

With attendances averaging slightly under 10,000, Luton need to make a profit in the transfer market. Top scorer Lars Elstrup returned to Denmark last summer and more than £2m was raised this season for Kingsley Black (Forest) and full back Matthew Jackson (Everton).

Roughly half of the money was re-invested by Mr Pleat. Apart from Harford, he bought two highly-experienced players in defender **TREVOR PEAKE** (£100,000 from Coventry) and midfielder **CHRIS KAMARA** (£150,000 from Leeds).

Another midfielder, Steve Thompson, came from Bolton for £180,000 but made only a handful of appearances before joining Leicester in exchange for full back **DES LINTON**, 20, and forward **SCOTT OAKES**, 19, who scored his first goal at Hillsborough a fortnight ago.

**PHILIP GRAY**, a £275,000 summer signing from Spurs, was leading marksman with six league and cup goals by the beginning of October but then dropped out for three months with a knee injury.

The side has fairly settled since City drew at Kenilworth Road in November with a memorable strike by Niall Quinn.

That fixture started the best run of the season as the Hatters suffered only one defeat, at home to high-flying Leeds, in seven games.

The most significant change probably came with the loan signing of Forest goalkeeper, **STEVE SUTTON**. He conceded only four goals in his first six matches after replacing **ALEC CHAMBERLAIN**, a former Everton understudy who had made 99 consecutive League appearances.

Peake, now in sight of 500 League outings, formed a strong defensive partnership with **JOHN DREYER**, who is in his fourth season since moving from Oxford for £140,000. Their experience balances nicely with the promise of full backs **JULIAN JAMES**, 21, and **RICHARD HARVEY**, 22. James established himself after a month's loan at Preston.

There's a similar blend in midfield. The tried-and-tested campaigners are Kamara and **DAVID PREECE**; the younger contenders are **MARK PEMBRIDGE** and **PAUL TELFER**.

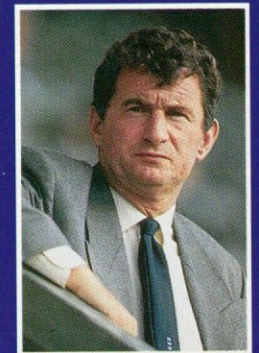
Preece was signed from Walsall seven years ago, while Kamara played for a number of clubs in the lower divisions before winning promotion with Leeds in 1990. Now, at 34, he is enjoying his first extended run in Division One.

Pembridge, 21, is already a full international with Wales and has not missed a match since making his debut 13 months ago. Likewise, Telfer, a 20-year-old Scot, could not be dislodged after his first full outing at Old Trafford in September. It was only an injury that allowed Oakes to step in for the last away match.

The two strikers, Harford and South African-born **BRIAN STEIN**, are together again, four years after playing in the Littlewoods Cup-winning team. Stein scored two goals at Wembley in 1988 but left at the end of the season to join Caen in the French League. He returned to Kenilworth Road last summer.

Welsh prospect **CERI HUGHES**, 21 later this month, replaced Stein for last Saturday's 2-0 home win against Norwich - a result which lifted Luton three points above bottom club Southampton.

## IN CHARGE



Luton have had four managers in their 10-year run in the First Division. **DAVID PLEAT** is both the first and last of this quartet.

In a first spell of eight years (1978-86), he took the club to the Second Division Championship and left them in the top half of Division One when moving to Tottenham. He had only one full season at White Hart Lane, guiding Spurs to the FA Cup Final and the Littlewoods Cup semi-final.

While Mr Pleat went on to Leicester City for three years, Luton were promoting his successors from the backroom team.

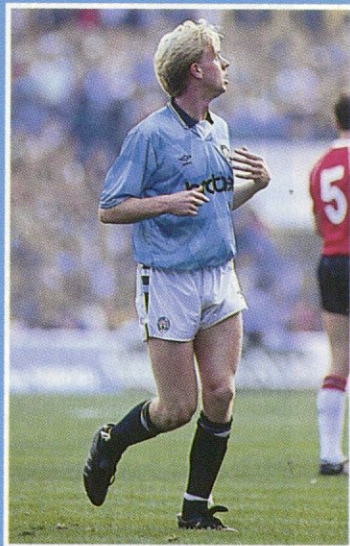
John Moore achieved a club record seventh place in his only season; Ray Harford landed the Littlewoods Cup; Jim Ryan successfully fought two relegation struggles but then departed in May last year.

Luton quickly sent for Mr Pleat, who described his return to Kenilworth Road as "like a calling or a mission in life." It is, in fact, his third time with the Hatters, having spent three years there as a winger in the 1960s.

His playing career began with Nottingham Forest (his hometown club), and after stopping off at Kenilworth Road, he served with Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough. He started in management with non-League Nuneaton and then joined Harry Haslam's coaching staff at Luton.

## FLASHBACK with John Maddocks

DEBUT DAYS were enjoyed after the war, first by Billy Murray (April 1947) and then by Frank McCourt in 1951. Seven seasons later, it was the turn of Dennis Fidler in a 2-2 home draw, then City's Roy Cheetham, who showed an admirable loyalty to the club in remaining here from 1956-57 until his move to Detroit Cougars in the USA in December 1967.



David Oldfield - last player to join City straight from Luton.

Roy played in 138 full League and Cup games - plus five as sub - scoring four goals. He holds the record for playing in the most post-war Central League games for the club: 218 appearances, nine goals. In these days of shorter contracts and quicker movement between clubs, this record in the Reserves will probably remain intact.

Earl Barrett (1985-86) encountered Luton for his first City game, although he had already tasted League football on loan to Chester City.

Of the present playing staff, David White and Andy Hill had their first experience of City League action, both as subs.

David played his 200th FULL League game for the club a fortnight ago against Tottenham. Here's to the next 200...

### TRANSFERS BETWEEN THE CLUBS?

Again, a rather limited selection. We have only had two players take the direct route to Kenilworth Road. The first was in 1907, Bruce Rankin by name, and with two appearances for City in the League.

The other was even less experienced; City reserve Steve Sherlock went south in May 1978, played twice in the League for Luton, then returned north to appear in 245 League games for Stockport County. Steve had played in 83 Reserve matches for us, scoring twice.

The first Luton player to come to us was Bert Jackson, again in 1907, then there was a considerable gap until the arrival of the Fletcher twins (though admittedly Ron came via the USA).

Attacker Ron scored a hat-trick for City in a 4-1 romp at Chelsea but only featured in 17 League games in all before his transfer to Minnesota Kicks in April 1979. Paul stayed a little longer, playing in 47 League and Cup games before a move up the road to Oldham in 1980.

Andy Dibble was signed in June 1988 and the last Luton player to come straight here was David Oldfield, part of the beloved 5-1 result against Manchester United. He moved to Leicester City in part-exchange for Wayne Clarke.

CITY'S PLAYING RECORD in the Football League against Luton is:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	16	8	5	3	27	17
Away	17	3	6	8	22	33
Total	33	11	11	11	49	50

The results are evenly shared out... let's hope today to tilt the balance our way as there as never been a goalless draw in Manchester in the League.

We have notched one League double, with Luton going one better.

FIRST-EVER LEAGUE MEETING was a Second Division game on New Year's Day 1898, the Hatters coming out on top 3-0. The teams were:

LUTON: R. Williams, McCartney, McEwen, Davies, Stewart, Docherty, Gallacher, Coupar, Donaldson, Little, McInnes.

CITY: C. Williams, Harper, Ray, Moffatt, 'Buxton' Smith, Holmes, Meredith, Whitehead, Gillespie, Fred Williams, Leonard.

The scorers for Luton - with a seemingly massive Scottish contingent - were McInnes, Donaldson and Coupar.

We won the return fixture the following March with Meredith scoring twice in a much-changed team. Coupar replied for Luton.

● OUR HIGHEST HOME WIN was 3-0, only last season, when Niall Quinn scored twice and Clive Allen tucked away a penalty.

Biggest away win was also 3-0 in our first-ever promotion season of 1898-99, the scorers being Meredith, 'Stockport' Smith and Cowie.

Three times we have lost at home by a one-goal margin. It was 1-2 in 1938-39 and 1959-60, but the one that really mattered, of course, was the 0-1 in the final game of 1982-83, as featured in today's visitors' article.

Our biggest fall from grace in Bedfordshire was a 5-1 drubbing in 1958-59, a season when our away record was abysmal, to say the least. Bobby Johnstone netted our consolation while Luton scored twice through Gordon Turner and Allan Brown, with a fifth from Jim Adam. Turner had a remarkable record of 243 goals in 406 League games for the Hatters.

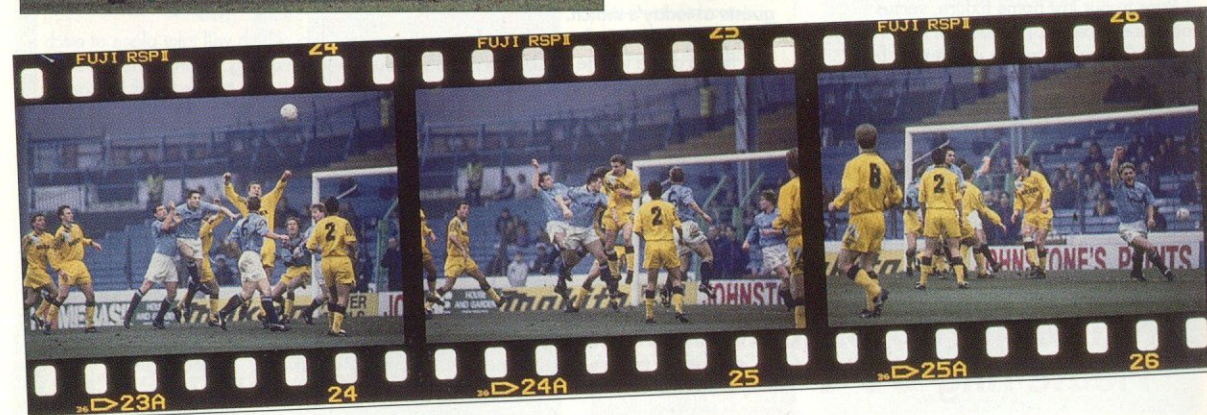
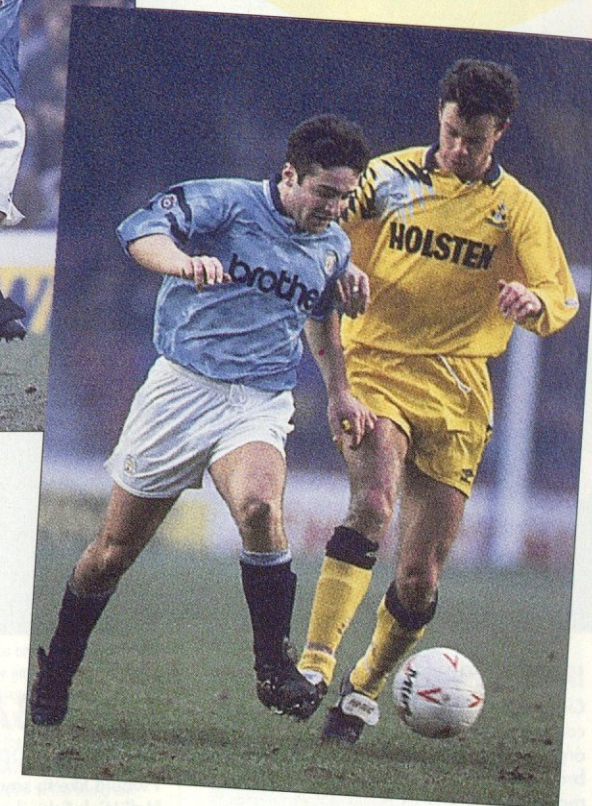
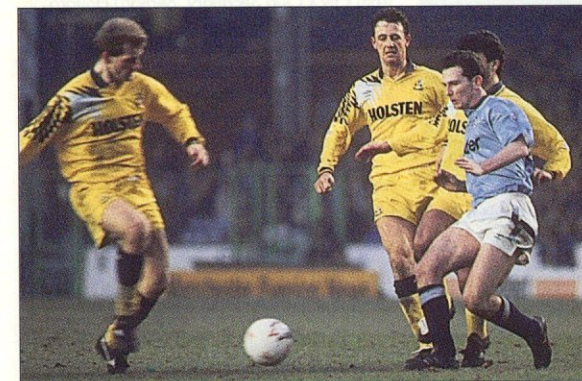
● IN THE FA CUP, the clubs have been drawn together six times, with the Blues winning four. Most memorable, of course, is the one where Denis Law scored ALL SIX goals in a 6-2 'win' at Luton in 1960-61, only for the match to be abandoned because of the state of the pitch. In the replayed game, Law scored again but we went down 1-3.

● Meetings in the League Cup amount to four ties, with City coming out on top three times. It took three games to decide one of these; in 1977-78 we won 3-2 in a decider at Old Trafford.

## BLUES IN ACTION

David White found the back of the net in his fifth successive home league game (see photo sequence at bottom of page) to earn City all three points against Spurs. Our other action shows Peter Reid laying the ball off ahead of former Blue, Paul Stewart (left), while Mike Sheron keeps his cool as posse of yellow shirts close in (below left). Michael Hughes is tracked by David Howells as City take up the offensive (below).

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## OFF THE PARK

### KEEP THOSE STUBS

Supporters who buy home match tickets are reminded, once again, that they should retain their ticket stubs to enable them to purchase tickets for forthcoming 'all ticket' games. It is essential that we can control the distribution of tickets for major fixtures and announcements concerning the sale of tickets for future important fixtures will appear in the City magazine, local press and on our Ticketcall service (tel: 0898 12 15 91).

### 250 CLUB WINNERS

A total of £3,000 was shared amongst some of our 250 Club members following the January Draw which took place in the Maine Road Boardroom after the Spurs match a fortnight ago.

The lucky winners were as follows:-  
 £1,000 won by: M.Donn (108),  
 £100 won by: P.Woolfenden (122),  
 W.C.Adams (24), M.Prophet (149), T.Farrell (123), S.Ellis (202), Mrs. Horwich (67),  
 B.Turnbull (32), T.Hayes (147), L.Jones (125),  
 D.Carlsle (234), G.Walker (121), Mrs. Larner (14),  
 40 Club (171), C.Smith (13), J.Graham (130),  
 D.Sutton (88), B.Howarth (216), E.Phillips (198),  
 M.Barrowclough (81), R.Hamer (151).

Full details of how to join the 250 Club, which helps to raise funds in aid of youth development at Maine Road, can be obtained from City's Club Secretary, Bernard Halford.

### PROGRAMMES NEEDED?

John Wells of 42, Freeks Lane, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 8DG has a number of programmes for sale and would be pleased to check any wants lists on receipt of a s.a.e. This also applies to trade cards and stickers mostly from the 60's.

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I would like to say a special hello to pupils from Cheadle High School and Massey Hall High School near Warrington who, as part of our schools programme, are our guests at today's match.

Anyone wishing to book places for our Saturday Club, which will take place at each City home game for the rest of the season, should give me a ring, during office hours, on the above number. The children are supervised all day, visit Maine Road for some First Division action in the afternoon and it costs only £5.00.

Finally, City's Ladies football team have experienced mixed fortunes recently with a 4-1 home win to Wigan on 19th January, a 2-2 home draw the following Sunday to Manchester United, and then unfortunately a 1-0 defeat in the WFA Cup on Sunday 2nd February.

Alex Williams SUPERVISOR

### IRISH SUPPORT

City's popularity across the Irish Sea continues to grow and with it, the organised support for the Blues as more branches of the City Supporters' Club are recognised.

Prior to our last home fixture, versus Tottenham Hotspur, members of the recently formed Coleraine branch made their first official visit to Maine Road and to mark the occasion, they made a presentation of a civic coat of arms to Peter Swales. Pictured above with the City Chairman are Russell Hayes, Stephen Mullen and Geoff McAuley, together with Frank Horrocks (right), the honorary general secretary of the Supporters' Club, who hosted a tour of the stadium for our Irish guests.

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### 'TRUE BLUE' GALA DINNER

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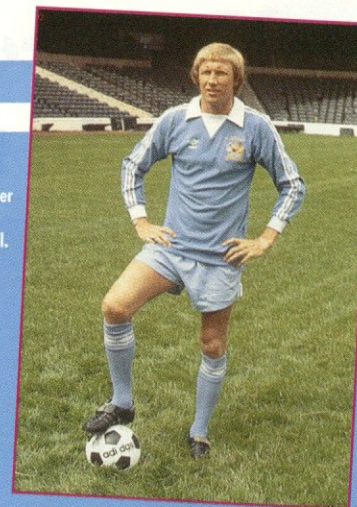
The occasion is a sumptuous City 'True Blue' black tie gala dinner to be held at the Piccadilly Hotel, Manchester, on Sunday, March 29, with proceeds going towards the £350,000 needed to improve accommodation for the parents of child patients at Christie.

The appeal is named after brave Victoria Green who, at the age of 12, was diagnosed as having a malignant tumour at the base of her spine. Two years later, Victoria is still receiving treatment at the world famous North West cancer centre.

Already, a galaxy of City stars spanning four decades have pledged to support the dinner with the guest list of 30 or so all-time greats being assembled by the Former Players Association at Maine Road. Match them with current leading lights of the Club - and their partners - and it's not just the superb meal that offers the right ingredients for a First Division evening.

Round it off with some outstanding after dinner speeches plus exclusive video highlights of City's goal-scoring greats - like Colin Bell - and it will truly be a night to remember for the 500 male and female guests.

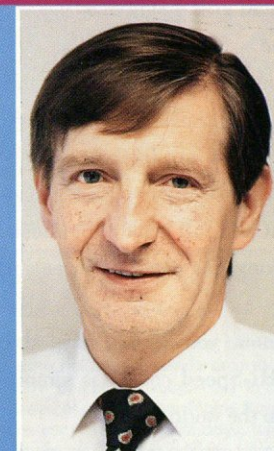
Fans wishing to be part of this unique occasion or companies wishing to entertain guests can obtain details of the various packages/tickets prices by contacting the Commercial Department at Maine Road on 061 226 1191.



### EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of an emergency occurring at this Stadium, the Public Address System will be used to broadcast information and directions to spectators. Such broadcasts will be preceded by a two-toned chime which will be repeated. When the chimes are heard, please be silent, pay attention to what is said and obey any instructions given. From time to time it will be necessary to test the equipment, however on those occasions it will be clearly stated that an equipment test is to follow.

## BLUES NEWS



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### FIRST AID

Supporters should note that there are first aid points at each side of the ground in the event of medical attention being required during the game.

**KIPPAX** - At the back of the Stand in the corner next to the North Stand.

**MAIN STAND** - Go to the bottom of the Stand and then up the Players's Tunnel where a medical room is located immediately on the left near the dressing room area.

**NORTH STAND** - On lower floor level at end next to the Kippax Stand.

**PLATT LANE** - Portacabin at corner of Platt Lane and Main Stand.

Additionally, there are always St John Ambulance personnel on duty in case of emergency, at each corner of the pitch perimeter.

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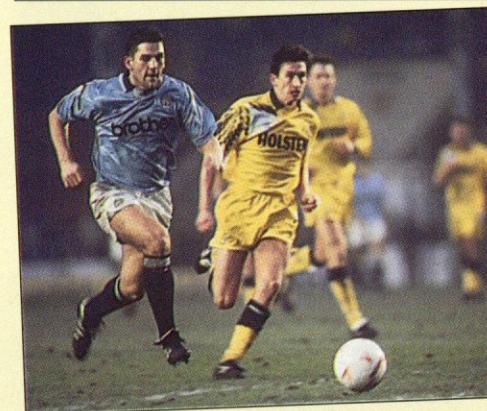
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## BLUES IN ACTION



Further pictures from the Spurs game show Andy Hill high-stepping for the ball (above) and Keith Curle taking on Paul Stewart (left), while David White goes on a run (bottom left) only to be covered by Spurs 'keeper Ian Walker (below).

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## BACK TO SCHOOL - FOR SAFER PARKING

Off-street, supervised car parking on match days helps both vehicle security and the flow of traffic in roads near to the ground. Several schools near Maine Road now open as car parks on match days, with the proceeds from car parking being a great help to the schools concerned, so there is mutual benefit. The schools and their locations are listed below:-

1. Wilbraham School on Platt Lane, next to Platt Lane Police Station. 350 spaces at £1.30 per car.
2. Claremont School, opposite the Social Club. 500 spaces, but mostly season tickets.

Access at rear of school via Kippax Street. £2 per car.

3. St. Edwards School, adjacent to Kippax Car Park. 180 spaces at £2 per car.
4. Heald Place School, on Heald Place at the junction with Claremont Road. 150 spaces at £2 per car.
5. St. Thomas Aquinas High School on Brantingham Road, just behind the new Business Park on Princess Road. 500 spaces at £1.30 per car.
6. St. Kentigern's Church on Hart Road, near to the junction with Wilbraham Road.

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Local police report a spate of vehicle break-ins in the Grangethorpe Road and Ashton Avenue areas and recommend parking in supervised car parks. However, if you must park on the street, remember these simple guidelines:-

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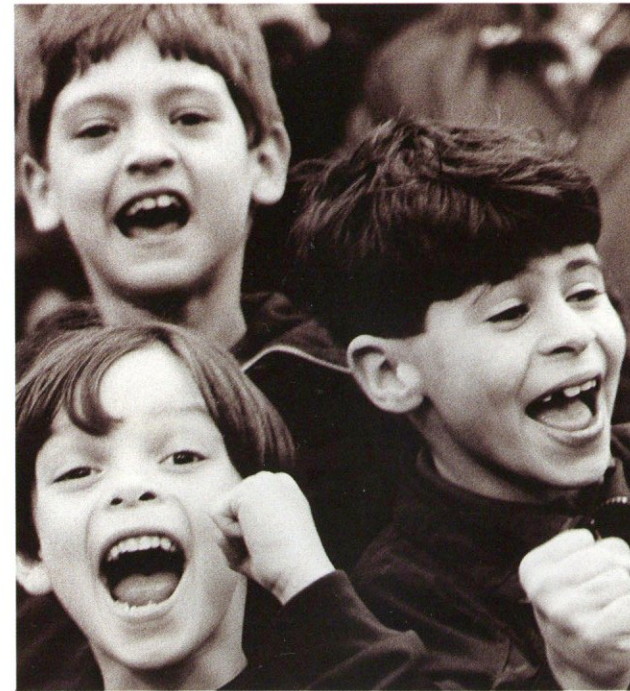
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## OPINION

MAINE Road will become an all-seater stadium to fulfil the government's safety requirements but City secretary Bernard Halford admits he would prefer to see some standing areas retained.

"Personally, I am against all-seater stadia. I believe many fans still want to stand and that football in general should cater for every section of its support", he says.

"I am all for safety but I do think the recommendations have gone a bit over the top.

"If a standing area held 20,000 and the recommendation was that it should be reduced to 14,000, for safety reasons, that would be acceptable. But not to knock it down to nothing and say you have to put seats in.

"Football should never lose sight of the fact that it is a working man's game which was founded in the industrial areas. It is important to cater for everyone from the man with the Rolls Royce down to little Johnny".

Bernard has every right to voice a strong opinion, as one of the longest-serving club secretaries in the Football League, having held the position at Maine Road since 1972.

In fact, he has been in football since he became assistant secretary at Oldham Athletic in 1960.

"The job has changed dramatically over the years", he says. "Obviously the operation at City has always been bigger than at Oldham but the major changes have taken place since the Taylor Report, the Safety of Sports Grounds Act and the advent of the Football Licensing Authority.

"Also the development and growth of the commercial side of the game, with computerisation, credit card lines, sponsorship, pop concerts etc, has meant there is literally no close season any more.

"I have a very good staff and although the job is demanding and it is difficult to find time for a holiday, I enjoy it.

"I believe Peter Robinson at Liverpool and Ken Friar at Arsenal are the only club secretaries who have been doing the job longer than me".

Bernard says there is no such thing as "a typical week" in his job. There is never a dull moment.

"There is so much going on. The development of the Platt Lane stand and the move towards an all-seater stadium means constant meetings with the authorities, architects, surveyors, builders, engineers etc. And all the time there is the day-to-day running of the football club.

"That can involve various meetings, planning all-ticket matches, away games, talking to the manager about players, keeping abreast of the developments of the Premier League etc.



"I have several conversations with the chairman most days and perhaps three or four meetings a week.

"Turning to the business of having to make stadiums all-seater and carry out major improvements at some grounds, I do feel clubs should have been given longer than five years.

"I am not complaining about the money because I think the Football Trust does a marvellous job. But there is so much planning involved if you are going to do things right.

"As things are at the moment, we have no option but to go all-seater. We can't afford to close down part of the ground, apart from while the work is being carried out.

"And football supporters have not moved as quickly or in sufficient numbers to protest as much as they did about the membership scheme".

Price increases are inevitable next season but Bernard insists: "We have been among the cheapest in the country and we have to

keep pace with the cost of living.

"I would like to apologise to the fans who came to our FA Youth Cup game against Manchester United last week. We had a bigger crowd than expected and it did cause some difficulties getting them all into one area.

"The trouble is, if you open another area, even for only 200 people, you have to man all the turnstiles and exits".

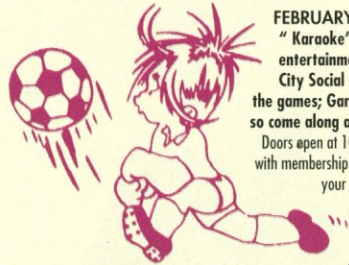
Does he get time to watch the games himself? "About two-thirds of the home games, if I'm lucky. I love watching the team. I'm City daft. And the real satisfaction in the job is to see City win and for everything to go right on the day from my point of view.

"Relaxation? I used to play rugby league, so I like to go and watch a game on a Sunday. I play bowls, listen to music and enjoy country walks with the dog.

"I don't think I have ever been bored or fed up in my life". He doesn't have time to be!

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## JUNIOR BLUES



### FEBRUARY MEETING

"Karaoke" will be the main source of entertainment at our meeting TOMORROW at the City Social Club. Amanda and Liz will be organising the games; Gary Lewis and Alan Keegan the Karaoke, so come along and join in ... it's going to be fun!

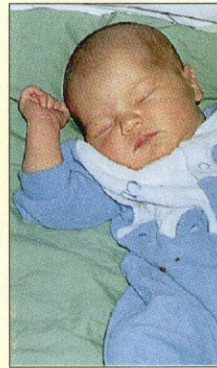
Doors open at 10 o'clock and admission is free for Junior Blues with membership cards; 70p for non-members and adults. Bring your cards, too, for an attendance stamp if you are trying for the "Junior Blue of the Year Award".

Our official Junior Blues Club badge/tie pins will be available at the meeting; also by

post, price £1.20 (please enclose s.a.e. with postal applications).

### SPONSORED TROT

Sponsorship forms for our annual Sponsored Trot on March 15th round the pitch here at Maine Road, commencing 12 noon following our meeting at the City Social Club, will be available at the meeting tomorrow. Maximum 10 laps allowed. Funds raised in aid of Junior Blues.



### YOUNGEST EVER J.B.!

Daniel's father, Tim Ward, broke the record for registering his son as the youngest ever Junior Blue when he was born on January 9th.

Tim was by the phone in the waiting room at Stepping Hill Hospital when a nurse, who had run from the Delivery Room, skidded to a halt at the door and shouted "it's a boy"; he telephoned his Mother, Junior Blues Secretary Mrs. Jessie Ward who had two registration forms filled in (one for a boy and one for a girl) and Daniel Alexander George Ward was enrolled as a Life Member when only two minutes old, beating the previous record by 57 seconds! Daniel's Mum, Sue, had told the nursing staff that there was a record to go for and they readily accepted the challenge.

Finally, welcome to new Junior Blues Club arrivals Josephine Collins, Ryan Gregory, Alex Hattenstone-Taylor, Niall Moffatt, Alexander Haynes, Keely Jackson and Timothy Hughes.

### JUNIOR BLUES FAN FILE

Here is another of the entries we have recently received for this popular feature.

Brothers Steven (age 7) and Carl Horsfield (age 10) of Reddish, Stockport, both Junior Blues Club Life Members, are pictured with their baby cousin Daniel who is also a Life Member of Junior Blues. Steven's favourite player is Niall Quinn "because he's King of the air" while Carl's favourite player is David White "because he's a very good player and has lots of pace".

If you would like to appear in Junior Blues Fan File, please send in a clear and at least passport sized colour photograph of yourself, suitable for printing in the programme. Don't forget to tell us your name and age and also include in not more than 20 words WHO is your favourite City player and WHY. Send your photo and entry to: Junior Fan File, Dept ACL, Manchester City FC, Maine Road, Moss Side, Manchester M14 7WN.

Please note we cannot agree to return any photos submitted for publication.

## CITY'S MASCOT

10 year-old Lorraine Gorton will enjoy the thrill of leading the City team out as mascot this afternoon and she is particularly delighted that her favourite player, Niall Quinn, should be back in action.

Lorraine, who attends Flixton Junior School, has been a season ticket holder at Maine Road for 5 years and she always watches with her dad, Kevin Gorton, who is acting as our Club Patron this afternoon.

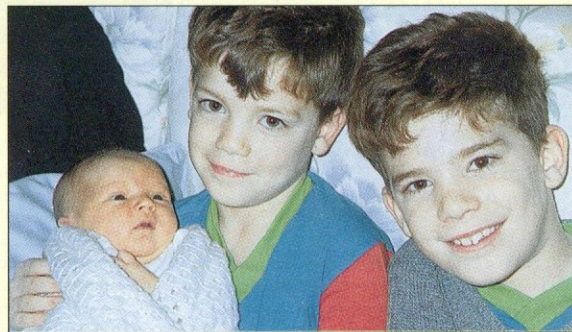


## Manchester Evening News FAMILY STAND

Congratulations to the ten lucky winners of pairs of M.E.N. Family Stand tickets for today's game, following their success in our 'spot-the difference' competition.

The Blues next home match, against Ron Atkinson's Aston Villa, promises to be an exciting encounter and if you would like the opportunity of winning free seats in the Family Stand for that game, make sure you get your copy of the Pink Final which will be on sale outside Maine Road after today's game.

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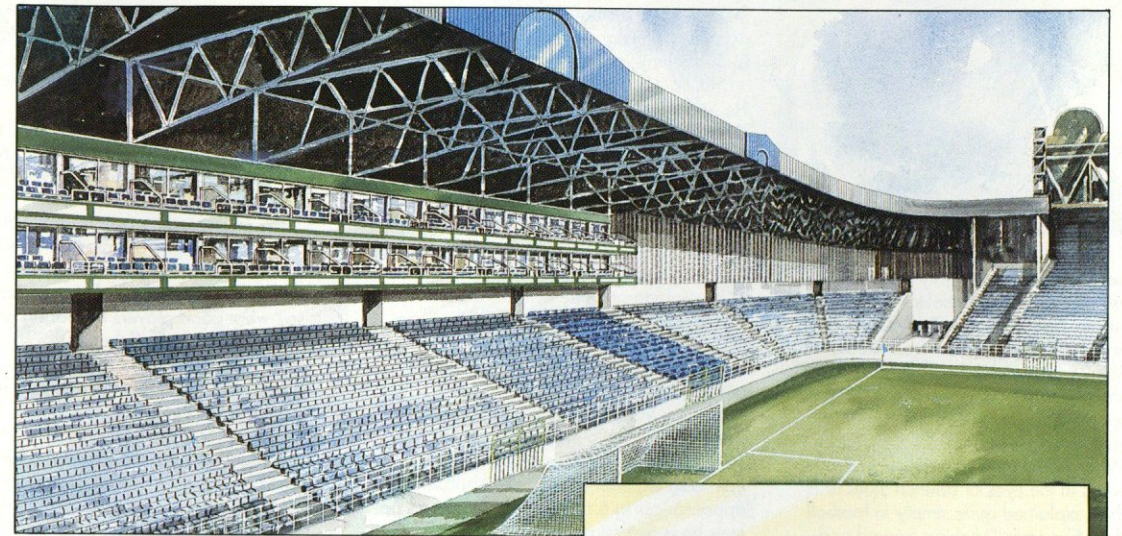
## COMBINE INDOOR SOPHISTICATION WITH OUTDOOR VIEWING

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## MIKE QUIGLEY

injured but that was enough time for him to notch a couple of goals.

It was always his ambition to become a footballer and while he did reasonably well in his studies, he concedes that he thought only of playing for City once he was invited to sign YTS forms.

"That was six months before I left school," he says. "As soon as I found out that I would be going into football, I let up at school. It was just when the exams were coming up and it did take a lot of pressure off."

**He was recruited in a group that included Gerry Taggart, Ashley Ward, Ian Thompstone and a Flixton Juniors teammate, Jason Hasford, who went to Rochdale after two years here and is now playing in America.**

They provided a nucleus of the team which finished runners-up in the FA Youth Cup, winning at home to Watford but losing in the away leg. Taggart, of course, was first into the senior team that year but moved to Barnsley after a dozen League games here.

Martyn Margetson and Michael Hughes were also in the 1989 youth side and now Mike has joined them in pressing claims for first-team experience. With four substitute appearances in a row already this year, he feels he is getting closer all the time.

Obviously, the signing of Steve McMahon has made his task that much harder, but he says: "When the club bought Steve, I didn't feel it was a knock-back because it can only bring my game on if I'm watching him or playing with him. I can only learn from a player of his standard."

"The manager has told me that I have to keep playing well and wait for my chance. At the start of the season, I was working mainly with the Reserves, but after getting a little taste of the First Division before Christmas, I was training with the first team. That was a step-up for me and now I feel more as if I'm part of the squad."

Nerves are not a problem to him, probably because he has the confidence to put things into perspective. "It's faster in the First Division but once you are out there, it's only a game," he says. "I don't feel that any

game up to now has gone on without me or that anyone has given me a real run-around.

"Obviously, it's exciting to play in front of 30,000 people. The crowd are a boost, but to be honest, you don't really hear them for most of the time. It's only when you do something bad or good that you pick up the noise.

"One thing I have noticed is that every game is different. No two teams are alike. You get different teams, different games."

Among his early opponents were Kevin Richardson, a League Championship winner with two clubs; Andy Townsend, a midfielder he particularly admires; and two England players, Andy Gray and Geoff Thomas, at Crystal Palace.

He was impressed by their quality but not overawed. "When you are playing against them, you don't have time to notice how good they are. I don't go looking at them and say what good players they are. I go in and try to win the ball off them."

**At 5ft 6ins and a little over 10st, Mike is almost a copy of Peter Reid in the manager's early days. Not only in physical stature but in playing style. He may not be big but he's a midfielder with a tiger in the tank.**

A ball-winner, first and foremost. "Definitely," he says. "I see the job as getting around people and getting tackles in. My game is built on that. I enjoyed it when I went on in the game with Spurs the other week. They play little one-twos on the ground, so it was a challenge to read what they were doing and then get in the tackles."

Mike expects that he will be a bit more nervous if he gets the opportunity to start a League game. That's one target for this season; another is to score a goal.

"I haven't got a great goals record but I can score them. It's not something I'm afraid to do or can't do. A lot depends on how I'm asked to play. Normally I'm picking up the bits and pieces in midfield, but if someone else is dropping back, I enjoy making forward runs."

**Mike Quigley lives roughly halfway between the two Manchester football grounds. And he has split his football interests equally between both clubs.**

The 21-year-old Trafford Boys product confesses that he was a regular United supporter as a boy but insists that he always aimed to play for City.

What would appear to be a clash of interests in the eyes of staunch Blues and Reds is explained quite simply in football terms. Mike says: "Looking around and talking to people, I got the impression that City was the club I wanted to go to because they had such a good reputation for bringing on young players.

"I used to go to all the matches at Old Trafford and I'd only been to Maine Road once before I signed as an apprentice. I was with United as a schoolboy - and at Bolton and Oldham - but as soon as I had a look at the City set-up, I knew the atmosphere would suit me much better."

The man who recommended him to the Blues has since followed him to Maine Road. Terry Farrell was his manager at Flixton Juniors and is now Youth Development Officer for City.

One trial match was sufficient for the coaching staff to spot Quigley's potential. He only played half a game before getting



## FANFARE

### HATS IT, FOLKS

This column kicks-off in the traditional manner with a welcome for the Luton fans from the City Supporters' Club.

As a Club, City has a well-deserved reputation throughout the game for welcoming spectators and we trust that the Luton followers sample some of the friendliness during their visit. Because of the respective positions in the League, the points are vital to both Clubs for different reasons, but come 4.40 p.m. it is to be hoped that the Hatters are mad at having seen their team beaten!

### NO YORKSHIRE PUDDINGS

The West Yorkshire Branch of the City Supporters' Club has now built a firm base for Blues' fans in Leeds, Bradford, York and surrounding areas.

The Branch Meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Black Horse in Brighouse and there will be a warm welcome for potential new members. Alternatively, details of the Branch's activities (including transport to City matches) can be obtained from Ian Barton at 19, The Copper Beeches, Dunnington, York, YO1 5PU.

### STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS

All football followers must surely be aware of the recommendation in the Report of Lord Justice Taylor, arising out of the Hillsborough tragedy, for the phased introduction of all-seater stadia.

Well, Frank Horrocks, the General Secretary of the City Supporters' Club, is at the forefront of a campaign aimed at persuading the Football Licensing Authority to relax the all-seater recommendation.

Frank, who is also heavily involved with the National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs, explained: "We strongly believe that spectators should continue to have the option of being able to stand to watch football if they so wish, and that all grounds should provide at least a paddock area in front of the seats. What fans may fail to realise is that entrance prices are bound to rise if all-seater stadia come in. Especially in the current economic climate, a family may not be able to afford seats and a whole generation could therefore be lost to the game. Taking all these factors into consideration, we are urging spectators opposed to all-seater grounds to write to their MP's to help our cause".

### CONDOLENCES

We extend sincere condolences to the family of the late Betty Stafford from Dukinfield. Betty passed away at the turn of the year.

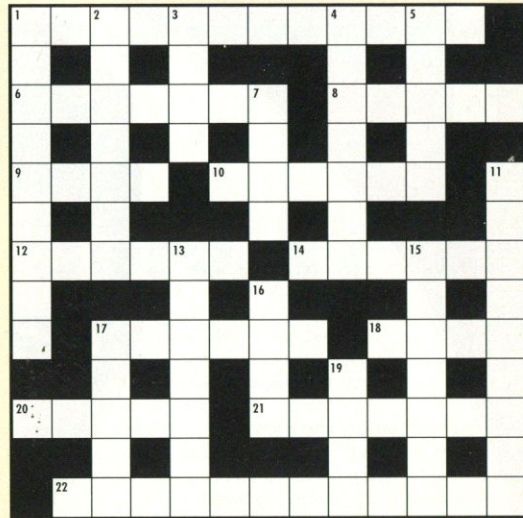
She was a loyal member of her local Branch and the officials and members would like to take the opportunity to formally record their heartfelt sympathy with Betty's family and friends in their sad loss.

### CATCH 'EM YOUNG

And staying in Dukinfield, it is a pleasure to welcome Rachael Thompson into the Branch. Rachael is the daughter of staunch members Debbie and Billy Thompson, and she was enrolled with the Branch within six hours of being born.

In addition, Rachael was christened in a gown with a City badge on it, so with that kind of start in life, the youngster can hardly fail to be brought up in the right way. Very best wishes for the future, Rachael.

CITY  
SUPPORTERS'  
CLUB



Congratulations to Elizabeth Pownall from Alkington, S. G. Williams who lives in Penwortham and Julian Mullen from Brightmet, Bolton, the winners in our Fan Fare Puzzle No.15, who all receive tickets for this afternoon's match.

Today, there is yet another opportunity to win seats for a City home game in our regular prize crossword competition compiled by Fred Owen. Send your completed entry, with your name and address, to Fan Fare Puzzle No.17, Manchester City F.C., Maine Road, Moss Side, Manchester M14 7WN to arrive by Tuesday, 3rd March.

The first three fully correct entries selected on that date will each receive two Main Stand tickets for City's home game against Southampton on Saturday, 14th March.

#### ACROSS

- City defender whose run of 233 games on First team duty ended when he missed the Aston Villa fixture in December (5, 7)
- Paul, FA Youth Cup-winning colleague of 1 across, now on Oldham's books (7)
- Goes a goal or two in front - and sounds like the team from Elland Road (5)
- Brook or Nixon (4)
- Mike, ex-Hatters striker, now part of the Blackburn revival (6)
- Peter scored five goals in Chelsea's record European victory, against Jeunesse Hautcharage (6)
- John scored a last minute penalty equaliser for Luton against City in last season's game at Kenilworth Road (6)
- Phil won medals galore with Liverpool and is currently boss at Bolton (4)
- Brian, highly rated striker with the Blades (5)
- Forfar's home park (7)
- Nickname of Club managed by David Webb (3, 9)

#### DOWN

- Mike, forward star of City's trophy-winning side - his son Nicky now plays for Swindon (9)
- Out of reach - like a much-needed victory or a slippery winger (7)
- Change these at half-time - the parts of the pitch defended by each side (4)
- Rotherham United are Merry ones (7)
- The Mighty Quinn for the Blues (5)
- Desperately want - a new player or a win (4)
- A player out of the team through injury or suspension could be on these, waiting to return to the limelight (9)
- Stinging reply to the question "How are Brentford and Barnet commonly known (3,4)
- Score in the Aston Villa v City game last season (3,4)
- Sums paid for transfers (4)
- Fatally, this could be sudden - for example a penalty shoot-out which goes into the last stage (5)
- George, Scottish international goalkeeper conceded three goals in the 1953 FA Cup Final but still finished with a winners' medal (4)

## FANFARE

### CONTACT POINTS

As previously mentioned, Frank Horrocks is the General Secretary of the City Supporters' Club and anyone wanting to know how to join the Club, or how to set up a Branch should write to Frank at Maine Road.

For more general information about the activities of the Supporters' organisation, contact should be made with the Press and Publicity Officer, Fred Owen, at 32 Brook Lane, Newton, Chester, CH2 2AP. Fred's telephone numbers are Chester (0244) 379259 (weekday evenings) on Llanwnda (0286) 830897 (weekends).



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Barclays League Division One  
WIMBLEDON v MANCHESTER CITY

Saturday 22nd February, Kick-off 3pm

Coaches: Depart Club 8.40 a.m. Picking up in Manchester, Stockport and Dukinfield. Price: £10. Train: Departs Piccadilly. Calling at Stockport, Wilmslow, Crewe and Rugby - direct to Selhurst Park. Price: £20.

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Barclays League Division One

WIMBLEDON v MANCHESTER CITY (at Selhurst Park)

Saturday 22nd February, Kick-off 3pm

Route: Take A56/A556 or Princess Road/Parkway (A5103/M56/A556) to Junction 19 at Tabley. Join the M6 south, then M1 to Junction 21 with M25. Follow M25 West to Junction 7 and follow signs to Croydon (A23). Follow A23 through Hooley, Coulsdon and Purley. At major junction (traffic lights) just after the Propeller Pub on right hand side, take 2nd exit on right towards Croydon. At roundabout, turn left, through underpass and proceed to next roundabout. Keep straight on (White Horse Road) to mini-roundabout and turn right into White Horse Lane. Selhurst Park is on the right hand side after approximately 1/2 mile. Car Parking is available in the adjacent Sainsbury's car park. Programme: £1.00.

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## BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	Home						Away						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Manchester United	27	9	4	1	25	8	7	5	1	23	13	57	
Leeds United	28	8	6	0	25	12	7	5	2	27	11	56	
Liverpool	28	9	3	2	23	13	3	9	2	12	11	48	
Sheffield Wednesday	27	9	3	2	30	19	4	5	4	13	14	47	
<b>Manchester City</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>47</b>	
Arsenal	28	7	5	2	25	14	3	5	6	18	19	40	
Chelsea	29	5	7	3	25	21	5	3	6	14	20	40	
Aston Villa	28	8	2	4	22	13	3	3	8	12	20	38	
Everton	28	6	6	2	21	10	3	3	8	15	23	36	
Crystal Palace	26	5	3	5	16	19	4	6	3	21	25	36	
Tottenham Hotspur	26	4	1	7	16	15	6	3	5	19	19	34	
Oldham Athletic	28	6	5	3	29	25	3	2	9	14	22	34	
Norwich City	28	6	5	3	19	16	2	5	7	14	22	34	
Queen's Park Rangers	28	2	8	4	12	16	5	5	4	16	17	34	
Nottingham Forest	26	6	4	3	26	22	3	2	8	15	19	33	
Sheffield United	28	6	4	4	19	17	3	2	9	24	31	33	
Coventry City	27	5	3	5	16	10	4	2	8	12	19	32	
Wimbledon	27	6	4	4	21	15	1	6	6	11	19	31	
Notts County	27	5	2	6	17	19	2	4	8	11	19	27	
West Ham United	26	3	5	5	12	15	3	4	6	13	23	27	
Luton Town	27	6	4	4	15	12	0	3	10	7	35	25	
Southampton	27	2	4	7	10	24	3	4	7	17	21	23	

Up to and including Wednesday 12th February

## APPEARANCES

	Lge	Gls	Cups	Gls	Total	Gls
Brennan	9	2	3	1	12	3
Brightwell(1)	27	1	7	-	34	1
Coton	24	-	6	-	30	-
Curle	27	4	6	-	33	4
Dibble	2	-	-	-	2	-
Heath	18(7)	-	7	2	25(7)	2
Hill	23	2	5	-	28	2
Hughes	20	1	7	-	27	1
McMahon	4	-	1	-	5	-
Margetson	2	-	1	-	3	-
Megson	18(3)	-	3(1)	-	21(4)	-
Pointon	28	-	7	-	35	-
Quigley	(-5)	-	1	-	1(5)	-
Quinn	24	7	5	2	29	9
Redmond	27	1	7	-	34	1
Reid	22	-	2	1	24	1
Sheron	8(7)	4	3(2)	1	11(9)	5
White	25	12	4	3	29	15
Own Goal	-	1	-	-	1	-

ALSO PLAYED (Totals): Allen (now Chelsea) 1(4) apps, 3 goals; Hendry (now Blackburn) 1(7) apps, 3 goals; Hoekman (trialist) (-3) apps; Mauge (loan from Bury) (-1) app.  
(Up to and including Saturday 8th February)

## ATTENDANCES

	Best	Average
Arsenal	42,074	33,196
Aston Villa	39,995	25,801
Chelsea	30,230	20,131
Coventry City	21,540	13,684
Crystal Palace	29,017	18,700
Everton	37,681	25,303
Leeds United	32,917	29,553
Liverpool	39,072	36,006
Luton Town	12,655	9,670
Manchester City	38,180	28,849
Manchester United	47,185	44,651
Norwich City	19,460	13,682
Nottingham Forest	30,168	23,556
Notts County	21,055	12,634
Oldham Athletic	18,952	15,457
Queens Park Rangers	21,693	13,081
Sheffield United	31,812	20,590
Sheffield Wednesday	38,260	29,460
Southampton	19,264	15,456
Tottenham Hotspur	35,087	28,324
West Ham United	25,588	21,944
Wimbledon	15,009	7,641

Date	V	Opposition	F-A	Atten.	Pos.
Aug 17	A	Coventry City	1-0	18,013	-
Aug 21	H	Liverpool	2-1	37,322	-
Aug 24	H	Crystal Palace	3-2	28,028	1
Aug 28	A	Norwich City	0-0	15,376	2
Aug 31	A	Arsenal	1-2	35,009	3
Sep 4	H	Nottingham Forest	2-1	29,146	2
Sep 7	A	Leeds United	0-3	29,986	3
Sep 14	H	Sheffield Wednesday	0-1	29,453	7
Sep 17	H	Everton	0-1	27,509	10
Sep 21	A	West Ham United	2-1	25,588	6
Sep 25	H	Chester City (RLC 2-1L)	3-1	10,987	-
Sep 28	H	Oldham Athletic	1-2	31,271	8
Oct 6	A	Notts County	3-1	11,878	6
Oct 8	A	Chester City (RLC2 - 2L)	3-0	4,146	-
Oct 19	A	Tottenham Hotspur	1-0	30,502	3
Oct 23	A	Sheffield Wednesday (ZC2)	2-3	7,951	-
Oct 26	H	Sheffield United	3-2	24,495	3
Oct 29	H	Q.P.R. (RLC3)	0-0	15,512	-
Nov 2	A	Southampton	†3-0	13,933	3
Nov 16	H	Manchester United	0-0	38,180	3
Nov 20	A	Q.P.R. (RLC3 Replay)	3-1	11,033	-
Nov 23	A	Luton Town	2-2	10,031	3
Nov 30	H	Wimbledon	0-0	22,429	3
Dec 3	A	Middlesbrough (RLC4)	1-2	17,286	-
Dec 7	A	Aston Villa	1-3	26,265	4
Dec 14	H	Queen's Park Rangers	2-2	21,437	4
Dec 21	A	Liverpool	2-2	36,743	5
Dec 26	H	Norwich City	2-1	28,164	4
Dec 28	H	Arsenal	1-0	32,325	4
Jan 1	A	Chelsea	1-1	18,196	4
Jan 4	A	Middlesbrough (FAC3)	1-2	21,174	-
Jan 11	A	Crystal Palace	1-1	14,766	4
Jan 18	H	Coventry City	1-0	23,005	4
Feb 1	H	Tottenham Hotspur	1-0	30,123	4
Feb 8	A	Sheffield United	2-4	25,893	5
Feb 15	H	Luton Town			
Feb 22	A	Wimbledon			
Feb 29	H	Aston Villa			
Mar 7	A	Queen's Park Rangers			
Mar 11	A	Manchester United			
Mar 14	H	Southampton			
Mar 21	A	Nottingham Forest			
Mar 28	H	Chelsea			
Apr 4	H	Leeds United			
Apr 11	A	Sheffield Wednesday			
Apr 18	H	West Ham United			
Apr 20	A	Everton			
Apr 25	H	Notts County			
May 2	A	Oldham Athletic			

FAC = F.A. Cup RLC = Rumbelows League Cup ZC = Zenith Data Systems Cup

( ) = Substitute ★ = Star man x = Booked player D = Debut § = Player sent off Δ = Withdrawn † Own Goal Home Games and Scorers in bold

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub	Sub
Margetson*	Hill x	Pointon	Reid <sup>Δ</sup>	Curle Dx	Redmond	White	Brightwell	Quinn 1	Megson	Brennan	Heath(4)	Hendry
Coton	Hill	Pointon	Reid <sup>Δ</sup>	Curle	Redmond	White 2*	Brightwell	Quinn	Megson	Brennan	Heath(4)	Hendry
Coton	Hill	Pointon	Reid	Curle*	Redmond <sup>Δ</sup>	White 1x	Brightwell	Quinn	Megson <sup>Δ</sup>	Brennan 2p	Heath(10)	Hendry(6)
Coton*	Hill	Pointon	Reid	Curle	Redmond	White	Brightwell	Heath x	Megson	Brennan	Sheron	Hendry
Coton*	Hill	Pointon	Reid <sup>Δ</sup>	Curle	Redmond	White	Brightwell 1	Quinn x	Megson	Brennan <sup>Δ</sup>	Heath(4)	Hendry(11)
Coton	Hill 1	Pointon	Reid*	Curle	Redmond	White	Brightwell	Quinn 1	Megson	Brennan	Heath	Hendry
Coton	Hill	Pointon	Reid	Curle	Redmond*	White x	Brightwell	Quinn x	Megson	Brennan <sup>Δ</sup>	Heath(11)x	Hendry
Coton*	Hill	Pointon	Reid	Curle x	Redmond	White	Brightwell	Quinn	Megson	Brennan <sup>Δ</sup>	Heath(11)	Hendry
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Coton	Hill	Pointon	Brightwell*	Curle	Redmond 1p	White	Heath	Quinn	Megson	Hughes <sup>Δ</sup>	Sheron	Hendry 1(11)
Coton	Hill*	Pointon	Brightwell	Curle	Redmond	White 2	Heath	Quinn 1	Megson	Hughes	Sheron	Hendry
Dibble	Hill <sup>Δ</sup>	Pointon	Brightwell	Curle <sup>Δ</sup>	Redmond	White 1x	Heath x	Quinn*	Megson	Hughes	Sheron(2)	Hendry(5)
Coton*	Brennan <sup>Δ</sup>	Pointon	Reid	Sheron 1	Redmond	White	Heath	Brightwell	Megson	Hughes <sup>Δ</sup>	Allen 2 <sup>Δ</sup> (2)	Hoekman(11)D
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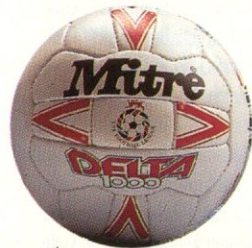
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## DAY BY DAY

### Tuesday 28th January

□ Nick Limber has to wait for his City debut when a Reserve game against Sheffield United is frozen off at Bramall Lane.

### Friday 31st January

□ Niall Quinn is included in the Republic of Ireland squad for a friendly against Wales in Dublin on 19th February.

### Saturday 1st February

□ David White's 15th goal of the season is another matchwinner for unchanged City. □ Victory over Spurs keeps the Blues in fourth place, now level on points with Liverpool, mid-week winners against Arsenal but today surprisingly beaten at home by Chelsea. □ Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham watches City goal-maker Michael Hughes.

Barclays League - Division One  
**CITY 1 (White 28) TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 0**

Attendance 30,123. HT 1-0

CITY: Coton, Hill, Pointon, Reid (sub: Quigley 79), Curle, Redmond, White, Brightwell, Sheron, McMahon, Hughes. Sub (not used): Megson.

SPURS: Walker, Edinburgh, Fenwick, Sedgley, Howells (sub: Walsh 70), Bergsson, Stewart, Durie, Samways (sub: Nayim 65), Lineker, Allen.

□ With Nick Limber in action for the first time, the Reserves go in front at Old Trafford but are eventually beaten 3-2. □ Dave Brightwell scores both goals - the first is City's 200th against United in Central League football. □ Neil Pointon is named Player of the Month for January. □ For the second week-end in succession, there is no football at youth level. The 'A' team are without a fixture and the 'B' team match is postponed.

### Monday 3rd February

□ Having gone 17 games without a draw from the start of the season, the Reserves finish all-square for the second time in three matches on a goalless visit to Newcastle.

### Wednesday 5th February

□ Surprise at Maine Road when reports come through from Italy that we have accepted a £1m bid from Torino for Niall Quinn. □ Peter Reid responded: "Torino could offer five times that figure, and they still wouldn't get Niall."

### Thursday 6th February

□ A mini-derby in the FA Youth Cup attracts a crowd of nearly 5,500 to Maine Road but there's disappointment for the Blues contingent as United go through to the last eight.

### Saturday 8th February

□ The Lake family is divided when Mike, brother of City's Paul, fires Sheffield United into an early lead at Bramall Lane. □ The Blades



Andy Hill - netted against Sheffield United

add two more from corners before half-time but are put under pressure after Andy Hill's goal against the team he supported as a lad. □ A strong rally ends with a fourth for United and City lose for only the second time in 17 League games.

Barclays League - Division One  
**SHEFFIELD UNITED 4 (Lake 8 Gayle 18 Deane 44 Whitehouse 82) CITY 2 (Curle pen 20 Hill 47)**

Attendance: 25,893. HT 3-1

UNITED: Tracey, Gage, Barnes, Gannon, Gayle, Beesley, Hodges (sub: Marwood 66), Lake, Bryson, Deane, Whitehouse. Sub (not used): Hill.

CITY: Coton, Hill, Pointon, Reid, Curle, Redmond (sub: Megson 78), White, Brightwell, Quinn, McMahon, Hughes (sub: Heath 59).

Lancashire League - Division One  
**BOLTON WANDERERS 'A' 1 CITY 'A' 0**  
 CITY: Bibby, Edghill, Limber, Dave Brightwell, Peters, Lomas, Thomas, Mike, Kelly, Fliccroft, Wallace. Subs (not used): Riches, Howarth.

Lancashire League - Division Two  
**CITY 'B' 0 BLACKPOOL 'A' 1**  
 CITY: Margetson, Lydiate, Ingram, Sliney, Lewis, Yates, Sharpe, Harkin, Beirne, Kerr, McHugh (sub: McDowell). Sub (not used): Darracott.

### Monday 10th February

□ Tony Coton and Keith Curle are in England's squad of 30 for next week and David White is a stand-by player for the 'B' and full internationals with France. □ Michael Hughes is in the Northern Ireland squad to meet Scotland at Hampden Park. □ The Reserves register their third draw in four games on a visit to fifth-placed Barnsley, the team immediately above us in the Pontin's League.

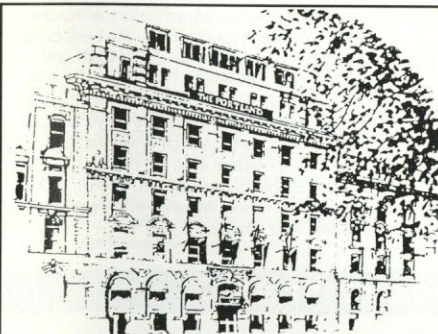
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## YOUTH REVIEW

### PONTIN'S LEAGUE - DIVISION ONE

Saturday 1st February 1992

MANCHESTER UNITED 3 CITY 2

We travelled across to Old Trafford for a rare Saturday fixture, seeking revenge for the defeat the Reds inflicted on us at home earlier in the season. The outcome was a disappointing defeat whereas overall a draw would have been a fairer result.

Nick Limber, our new arrival from Doncaster, made his debut and had a testing afternoon facing the recently returned Lee Sharpe. Although Sharpe scored, Limber could not be held directly responsible for the goal and he came through his first game satisfactorily.

We took the lead through Dave Brightwell after 16 minutes when he powered a header past Gary Walsh from just inside the penalty area, following a corner delivered by Michael Wallace.

The lead was shortlived. Brightwell's back pass to Andy Dibble went horribly wrong as he lofted it over the Welshman's head, leaving Danny Wallace with the easiest of equalisers.

The game was more evenly balanced until a move between Danny Wallace, Colin McKee and Sharpe ended with the latter giving Dibble no chance.

Again, the scoring side's celebrations were cut short as another equaliser arrived. It was that man Brightwell again, atoning for his earlier mistake by scoring with a powerful header following a free kick. Walsh looked in vain for his fellow-defenders.

The game went into a quieter period as both sides battled for command in midfield following four goals in 16 minutes.

We suffered three bookings - Limber, Wayne Clarke and Mark Peters - and were unlucky to lose Paul Kelly, who was injured and replaced by Adrian Mike (67 minutes).

Mike's appearance put a new spark into the play and Walsh was forced into a superb double save as he stopped blasts from Mike and Mark Brennan. If we had been successful at that point, we may well have taken the points, but United sensed it could be their day and pressed forward.

Their winner came again from Danny Wallace with only eight minutes left, the winger scoring with a well-taken individual effort.

A very pleasing performance was again given by young Richard Edghill, who, not for the first time this season, showed maturity and consistency throughout the game.

It was our first defeat at Old Trafford at this level in the last five visits.

CITY: Dibble, Edghill, Limber, Dave Brightwell, Peters, Flitcroft, Thomas, Clarke, Kelly (sub: Mike), Brennan, Wallace. Other sub: Lomas.

### PONTIN'S LEAGUE - DIVISION ONE

Monday 3rd February 1992

NEWCASTLE UNITED 0 CITY 0

With Niall Quinn and Adrian Heath both available for first-team selection after suspension, Peter Reid gave them a taste of competitive action with the Reserves prior to the week-end trip to Sheffield United.

Quinn, in particular, showed flashes of what his first-team colleagues had been missing, although the first half was dominated by a confident Newcastle side. David Roche and Lee Makel had chances to open the scoring for the Geordies.

The second period was a different story and the Blues can consider themselves unlucky not to have secured all three points. Quinn was foiled by defender Alan Neilson, who cleared off the line on two occasions after his goalkeeper had been beaten.

Before the Irishman's double disappointment, Gary Megson had seen his long-range effort well saved by Pavel Smrcek, but in the end, the two sides had to settle for a share of the spoils.

CITY: Dibble, Peters, Limber, Dave Brightwell, Flitcroft, Quigley, Heath, Clarke, Quinn, Megson, Brennan. Subs: Wallace, Kelly.

### FA YOUTH CUP - ROUND FOUR

Thursday 6th February 1992

CITY 1 MANCHESTER UNITED 3

Our Youth team, fresh from wins against Doncaster and West Brom, went out of the competition as United took their revenge for defeat by City in the Final six years ago - the last time the sides met.

The kick-off was delayed 10 minutes to allow many of the 5,424 crowd to get in, and then we were off! Both teams spent the best part of 20 minutes probing and testing, Richard Bibby showing fine form with his handling, then Richard Edghill heading over at the other end from a free kick which followed the best of City's early moves.

Lomas then dipped a shot over Kevin Pilkington's bar, but United took the lead after 19 minutes. From a free kick, the ball was initially cleared but then fired back in, rebounding to Robert Savage, who struck it to the far post for John O'Kane to ram home.

A second blow hit the Blues when Nevin Riches failed to spot Ben Thornley lurking slightly behind him as he passed back to Bibby. Thornley flashed in and rounded the 'keeper to give the Reds a 2-0 lead.

It only lasted five minutes. Mike danced past three red shirts before crossing from the right. Thomas met the centre perfectly, placing the ball inside the far post with Pilkington stranded.

The Blues' faithful really got behind the team. From the volume in the Main Stand it sounded as if 15,000 were rooting for the City youngsters. The team responded by looking for an equaliser that never came.

Jim Whitley was brought down in full flight when homing in on goal; Mike headed just too

### PONTINS LEAGUE FIXTURES

			F-A
Aug 20	Coventry City	A	3-2
Sep 5	Everton	H	4-1
Sep 10	Rotherham United	A	1-0
Sep 19	Barnsley	H	0-2
Sep 25	Sunderland	A	1-4
Oct 1	Bolton Wanderers	H	3-1
Oct 10	Aston Villa	A	1-2
Oct 15	Sheffield United	H	4-2
Oct 22	Newcastle United	H	3-1
Oct 31	Blackburn Rovers	H	2-4
Nov 5	Leeds United	H	2-0
Nov 12	Liverpool	A	1-0
Nov 23	Manchester United	H	1-6
Nov 27	West Bromwich Albion	A	6-1
Dec 5	Nottingham Forest	H	1-3
Dec 10	Bradford City	A	P
Dec 17	Sheffield Wednesday	A	0-2
Jan 7	Coventry City	H	1-0
Jan 21	Sheffield Wednesday	H	0-0
Jan 28	Sheffield United	A	P
Feb 1	Manchester United	A	2-3
Feb 3	Newcastle United	A	0-0
Feb 10	Barnsley	A	1-1
Feb 18	West Bromwich Albion	H	
Feb 26	Nottingham Forest	A	
Mar 3	Bradford City	H	
Mar 12	Blackburn Rovers	A	
Mar 17	Liverpool	H	
Mar 24	Rotherham United	H	
Mar 31	Everton	A	
Apr 7	Sunderland	H	
Apr 15	Leeds United	A	
Apr 22	Bolton Wanderers	A	
Apr 28	Aston Villa	H	

far in front of Whitley; and shots from Thomas and Whitley were blocked after 40 minutes.

Mike's snap-shot brought a great diving save from Pilkington, and the half ended with treatment for both Mike and Gary Neville following a clash of heads near the touchline.

The early stages of the second half were comparatively quiet, then United forced a series of corners. Savage did put one past Bibby but the off-side flag had been waving for some time. The Reds kept up the pressure, Burke's neat footwork leading to a crisp shot (well held again by Bibby), then Savage drove the wrong side of a post.

Harkin left the fray, Joe McLean coming on (59 minutes) - a shortlived switch because Mickey Beirne then replaced McLean.

With 15 minutes left, Thornley sealed the result by blasting in a shot from 18 yards which went into the bottom corner before Bibby could move. We had a go at pulling one back but a United back-pass failed to receive the punishment it deserved.

Our sights are set now on the semi-final of the Lancashire Youth Cup to be played at Old Trafford on a date yet to be arranged. Let's hope a Blue revenge is on the cards!

CITY: Bibby, Sliney, Ingram, Edghill, Riches, Lomas, Harkin (sub: McLean; sub: Beirne), Mike, Whitley, Kerr, Thomas.

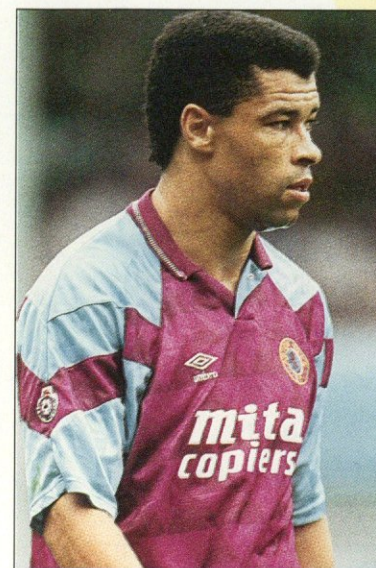
## NEXT HOME MATCH

Villa were fifth after beating City in December. But a poor run in the New Year virtually killed off their Championship hopes.

The FA Cup is their target now - and for a special reason. For 25 years from 1957, they held an all-time record of seven Cup wins. This was equalled in the 1980s by Spurs and Manchester United, then overtaken by the Londoners last season.

With their closest rivals out of the way this term - Villa knocked out Tottenham in January with a goal by Dwight Yorke - the Midlands have a chance to catch up. Their fifth-round task is to overcome Swindon Town tomorrow in a live match on BBC TV.

New boss Ron Atkinson has transformed the squad. Paul McGrath and newly-capped winger Tony Daley are the only regulars remaining from last season. Man to watch is 20-year-old top scorer Yorke, who played for Trinidad and Tobago in the last World Cup qualifying tournament.



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Saturday 22nd February, Kick-off 3pm

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Q.P.R. v MANCHESTER CITY

Saturday 7th March, Kick-off 3pm

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### Barclays League Division One

MANCHESTER UNITED v MANCHESTER CITY

Wednesday 11th March, Kick-off 8pm

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### Barclays League Division One

MANCHESTER CITY v SOUTHAMPTON

Saturday 14th March, Kick-off 3pm

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### Barclays League Division One

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